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SUBJECT: MEDIA REPORTS ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S
REMARKS

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1. THERE IS NO TRANSCRIPT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HOLBROOKE'S REMARKS, WHICH WERE INFORMAL AND EXTEMPORANEOUS.
REFERENCE TO NORTH KOREA, ON WHICH KOREAN MEDIA FOCUSSED,
IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE ... THAT PERIOD, WHICH WAS A PERIOD
OF OPPOSITION TO NORTH KOREAN AND NORTH VIETNAMESE EFFORTS
TO EXPAND THEIR CONTROL, CLEARLY ENDED IN A VERY DRAMATIC
WAY WITH THE OPENING TO CHINA AND THEN IN AN EVEN MORE
DRAMATIC AND TRAGIC WAY WITH THE COLLAPSE OF OUR POSITION
IN INDOCHINA. AND THIS IS THE SITUATION WHICH WE CONFRONTED
WHEN WE TOOK OFFICE AT THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY. UNQUOTE

2. PURPOSE OF THIS AND OTHER PORTIONS IN TALK WAS TO
DEMONSTRATE THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS U.S. NOT
INVOLVED IN ARMED CONFLICT IN ASIA. IT CLEARLY DID NOT
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INTEND TO CONVEY IDEA THAT WE WOULD FAIL TO OPPOSE ANY NORTH
KOREAN MOVE TO EXPAND SOUTHWARD.

3. HOLBROOKE'S REMARKS ALSO DID NOT DENOTE ANY LESSENING

OF OUR INTEREST IN ASIA, WHERE, AS HE POINTED OUT, WE
CONTINUE TO BE HEAVILY INVOLVED. THIS INVOLVEMENT

EMPHASIZED IN SECRETARY'S JUNE 29 SPEECH TO ASIAN SOCIETY.
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